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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 945,459

filed on 10/20/97, entitled A NOVEL PROTEIN AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME

NOTES

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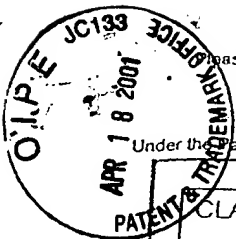
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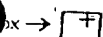
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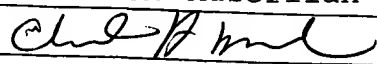
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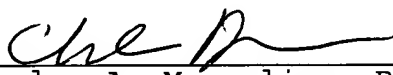


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : D. Romeo
F. MAKISHMINA et al :
Serial No.: 945,459 : Group: 1646
Filed: October 20, 1997 :
For: NOVEL PROTEIN...THE SAME :

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April 18, 2001

AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all the claims and add the following claims:

Sub 11 ~~--17. An isolated protein consisting of the 119 amino acids as shown in SEQ ID No: 1 without residual proteins consisting of the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID No: 1, the said protein with an additional Ala (120 amino acids) and the said protein with Met and Ala (121 amino acids) at the N-terminus.~~

D 18. An isolated protein according to claim 17 wherein said protein is a homodimer.

19. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the protein of claim 18 and a pharmaceutical carrier.

Sub 12 ~~20. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 19 comprising an amount of the protein of claim 18 effective to treat cartilage and/or bone diseases.~~